Anti-India demonstrations in Jammu and Kashmir

1149. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-India demonstrations are being held frequently in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details of such demonstrations held during the last six months; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to maintain the unity and integrity of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Some secessionist, anti-national and fundamentalist elements have in the recent past, indulged in acts of violence, protest march etc.

(b) Details attached as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The State Administration has been taking action against such persions and keeping a close watch on the situation. Assistance wherever called for is also provided by the Centre.

Statement

Details of such demonstrations held during the last six months are as under;

(i) Observance of Black Day on (January 26, 1989. entire valley mainly Srinagar affected, 12 incident of violence, 1 police firing).

(ii) The death anniversary of Magbool Butt, noted criminal on February 11, 1989. (entire Kashmir valley affected except Badgam district, 13 incidents of violence, 3 police firings).

(iii) Protest against Salman Rushadie's book-February 13—17, 1989 (Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag Pulwama districts affected, 54 incidents of violence, 4 police firings 1 killed).

(iv) Protest against death of Muslims in Bombay anti-Satanic Verses, February 24,—March 4, 1989 (entire Kashmir valley, 93 incidents of violence, 13 police firings, 2 killed)

(v) Protest against arrest of Kashmiri youth by Police, April 3-9, 1989 (Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag Pulwama districts affected 182 incidents of violence, 43 incidence of explosions, 43 police firing, 5 killed).

(vi) 'Quit Kashmir Movement' from May 11-14, 1989. (entire Kashmir valley except Badgam district, 39 incidents of violence, 6 police firings, 2 killed).

(vii) All party condolence meeting to pay tribute to late Ayatollah Khomeni, June 9, 1989 at Jamia Mosque, Srinagar. (burning of National flags of India, USSR & USA).

Social forestry in Orissa

1150. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to promote Social Forestry in the country; and

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken in this regard in Orissa during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. A Statement giving the progress is attached (*see* below).

(b) During the first four years of the Seventh Plan in Orissa, the total coverage under the afforestation programme including Social Forestry has been 4.66 lakh hectares with an expenditure of Rs. 39.28 crores.

Statement

Important steps taken for promotion of Social Forestry during the Seventh Plan period

1. Afforestation work, including Social Forestry, has been made a thrust area by including it as a specific item under the 20-Point Programme.

2. Guidelines have been issued to the States from time to time to promote Social Forestry.

3. For stepping up the pace of work, higher targets have been fixed each year, as a result of which the achievement during the last four years of the Seventh Plan (1985-86 to 1988-89) has been 7.16 million hectares, as against only 4.65 million hectares during the entire Sixth Plan Period (1980-85) and 3.56 million hectares from 1950 to 1980. By the end of the Seventh Plan, it is expected that the total achievement in the five-year period would be about 9.0 million hectares.

4. Plan outlays have been increased. In the last four years (1985-86 to 1988-89), the total allocations for all afforestation activities, including Social Forestry, were Rs. 2038 crores as against only Rs. 926 crores during the entire Sixth Plan period (1980-85) and Rs. 241 crores from 1950 to 1980. The allocation for 1989-90 is Rs. 400 crores excluding the Social Forestry coverage under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana through the Panchayats.

5. Under the rural employment schemes (NREP and RLEGP) earmarking of funds for Social Forestry were increased to 25 per cent.

6. New and innovative Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been introduced for promoting Decentralised People's Nurseries, Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects, Minor Forests Produce Plantations, Silvipasture Development and Seed Development.

7. Social Forestry Projects with assistance from foreign donors like the World Bank, SIDA, etc. have been taken up in 14 States of the country.

8. For promoting people's participation many projects have been taken up through the Voluntary Agencies in different parts of the country.

9. Institutional finance for social forestry projects is being mobilised through NABARD. Tree Growers' Cooperatives are being organised in 8 States.

10. A number of studies, workshops and seminars have been organised. Special attention is also being given to extension activities.

Nonpayment of excise duty by 'Zarda' and 'Pan Massala' manufacturers

1151. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some registered 'Zarda' and 'Pan Masala' manfacturers in the capital are not paying the excise duty regularly and misleading Government about their production figures;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken against them; and

(c) what are the details of the 'Zarda' and 'Pan Masala' manufactures and their turnover and excise duty payments particularly by M/s Harichand Shri Gopal, New Delhi and the manufacturers of Bawa Zarda, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE